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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

It was good of you to send me all of your books. Believe it or not, I already had the originals of your first two since I got a book store to stock both of them long before the Dell editions came out. The two extras you sent me will be put to good use in that I am giving them to some persons who have recently become interested in the case. I expect to be ordering a large quantity of Oswald in New Orleans from you in the near future, but for now could you send me 20 copies. Enclosed is a check for $20.00. I don't know what kind of a deal you have with the publisher, but if you are mailing them at your own expense, please subtract postage money by sending me a few less copies. By the way, in regard to what's happening in New Orleans, I don't go along with the idea of trying to pressure Johnson into releasing the evidence by laying the blame for the case on his doorstep (i.e. recent Garrison speeches, Ramparts, etc.). I think It's a big mistake because it's introducing another red herring into a case which is already choked with them.

I would like very much to have you out here for a lecture and will try to arrange it if I ever get any free time. I had Lane out here last year at a great expense in personal time which I don't even have to spare this year. If I weren't a one man show out here I could manage it. Last year I had a 5 article series published in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune, then the Lane appearance with attendant press conferences, and finally a followup article in a local magazine. The problem was that I got people excited and thinking about the case but just couldn't keep up with it all. As a result, although I "converted" many people, I fell short of my goal and in addition got way behind in my own research on the case. In any event, I hope to be able to convince a few groups to pay for a lecture.

As for my own work on the autopsy, I have been preparing what I would like to be a definitive analysis of the head wounds. This was originally to be published in Thompson's book as an appendix. Since I was attempting to make it definitive and am not myself a qualified expert on forensic pathology, I was trying to document controversial points with statements made by experts out here. The whole thing bogged down, however, and I wasn't able to meet Thompson's publication deadline. We sort of got out of contact after I gave him a summary of my findings and indicated that it was very unlikely that the throat wound had been caused by a fragment from the head wound--thus damaging his pet theory. He incorporated some of my material into his text and that's the last I heard from him until he sent me a copy of the book with a note reading: "To Gary, In admiration and appreciation." If I had realized that some of his text was going to be as opinionated as it was (in contrast to his "scientific" appendices) I would have helped him put it together. As far as your use of my material, you're welcome to it for whatever help it will be. You could add it to your text at your discretion. (By the way, I think that it would be ridiculous to footnote any material as having come from me, unless it is material from an interview I conducted in which case it would be good to give a citation for your own protection.) Depending on when you expect to publish, I might have my more definitive analysis prepared which might prove a worthwhile addition to your book.

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I am currently trying to get David Kroman pinned down for an interview. I know some interesting things about him, some of which have been communicated to Hal Verb in San Francisco, and all of which came from a priviledged source. He would never guess that I could have gotten this information so that I will be in optimal position to check out his story. I have tried to contact him ever since last Spring, but have run into problems, one of which was an admonition from a trusted source against contacting him until the heat was off. The DA and other parties were watching him and tapping his phone for a number of reasons. In any event, one of Garrison's people, Jaffe, is supposed to be coming out here to talk to Kroman. I hope he drops in on me first.

At some time in the future,

I'll tell you the substance of some other research I have been engaged in for several years which has finally become productive. It involves meetings between anti-Castro Cubans and a Ruby-Oswald link. (Ironically, some of my field work was done in Frederick Maryland, which was the postmark on the package you sent me.) As soon as I'm sure what I have, I'll organize it all and send a copy to Vince, Garrison, and yourself.

Well, I'd better close now. Send the books at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,
Gary
Gary Schoener

P.S. If you get some time in the near future to write out the details concerning the surpression of Oswald in New Orleans (i.e. copies sent throughthe mail which didn't arrive), I'll get it into a newspaper or magazine.